

HB 1131 -- CHILD CUSTODY ORDERS

SPONSOR: Swan

This bill requires any judge that has a family court docket or issues orders relating to child custody, dissolution of marriage involving a minor child, or any motion to modify a custody or dissolution order, to attend three hours of annual training about parental alienation. The bill provides that if both parents are awarded joint physical and legal custody equally, neither parent will have an obligation to pay child support to the other parent. Both parents must pay medical expenses equally, provided that the parent providing health insurance for the child receives a credit for the amount of the premiums paid for the child's coverage. A judge must award joint physical and legal custody of the child equally when there are not any compelling circumstances, unless both parents agree otherwise. The bill specifies residence determinations for education and mailing purposes.